

Senate Resolution 333

By: Senator Jones of the 10th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring and remembering the life of Mother Ocie "Ann" Rucker; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ocie D. Rucker, fondly known as "Ann" to her family and friends, was
3 born August 17, 1944, to Mr. Douglas Rodgers and Ms. Lela Grant in Russell County,
4 Alabama; and
- 5 WHEREAS, at an early age, she moved to Atlanta, receiving her primary education in the
6 Atlanta Public School System, graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in 1962,
7 and received her degree in Floral Design from DeKalb College; and
- 8 WHEREAS, for many years, she was the head cashier for Food Giant and Superior Foods;
9 and
- 10 WHEREAS, in 1966, she met Raleigh Rucker at the Atlanta Post Office, the two were
11 married on May 1, 1967, and to this union, three children were born: Tremayne Reynard,
12 LaTonia Raljean, and LaTasha Rena; and
- 13 WHEREAS, she is the proud grandmother of Auriel Rucker, Kenneth Nash, Jr., Aurianna
14 Rucker, RaLeiah Rucker, Julian Rucker, and Myles Rucker; and
- 15 WHEREAS, her extended children include: Raleigh Rucker, Jr., Victor Rucker, DeMingo
16 Rucker, DeNardus Rucker, Jamie Patrick, and Joshua Rucker; and
- 17 WHEREAS, her extended grandchildren are: Sarita, Shentell, Shiante, and Cameron; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Mother Rucker was a charter member of Mount Patmos Baptist Church since
19 1977 where she served as president of the Senior Mother Board, superintendent of the
20 Sunday School, and was named Mother of Mount Patmos Baptist Church in 2004; and

1 WHEREAS, after her diagnosis with breast cancer in 2000, she did not let her illness get the
2 best of her but decided to give of her time and talents as a Patient Navigator for the Avon
3 Breast Cancer Center and as a member of the Shades of Pink choir of breast cancer survivors,
4 traveling to many states to sing the Gospel; and

5 WHEREAS, her motto in life was never to worry about anything, "Let the Lord handle it";
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Mother Rucker was the epitome of a lady; she believed in helping and making
8 others happy, cooked large meals every Sunday for her family and friends, and provided a
9 listening ear, a shoulder to cry on, a Biblical question answered, a smile, a hug, or just a kind
10 word to anyone who needed it; and

11 WHEREAS, she gave her children and grandchildren love, light, wisdom, knowledge, and
12 a melody in their hearts (*watermelon, watermelon*); and

13 WHEREAS, in her own words, Mother Rucker wrote of being a cancer survivor, "I got
14 through my illness because of my faith in God. I knew I didn't have to worry or be afraid.
15 Remember, what is right for one person can be wrong for another. Do what is right for you,
16 whether it's attend lectures on cancer, do research, talk to doctors, or a cancer survivor. Stay
17 in control, be informed, keep a positive attitude, and don't be afraid. By all means, stay
18 positive!"; and

19 WHEREAS, on August 28, 2006, the Lord called Ann from labor to reward.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 join together to express their deepest regret at the passing of Mrs. Ocie "Ann" Rucker and
22 share in the celebration of her life with her family and friends.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
24 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mother Ocie "Ann" Rucker.